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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA: COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE

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1. REFTTEL DESCRIBES COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE IN NICARAGUA SITUATION. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE REPEATING AMBASSADOR WEISSMAN'S ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT CARAZO. CARAZO STATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME U.S. ENDORSEMENT OF HIS EFFORTS WITH PRESIDENTS TURBAY AND PEREZ.

2. YOU SHOULD CONTACT CHIEF OF STATE OR FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TELL HIM THAT PRESIDENT CARAZO HAS INFORMED US OF HIS IDEAS, THAT USG STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS
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STEP AS THE BEST COURSE NOW AVAILABLE TO MEET THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IN NICARAGUA AND THAT WE WILL BACK IT. BEGIN FYI. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE HAS NOW APPEARED IN SAN JOSE PRESS. END FYI.

3. EMBASSY CARACAS SHOULD NOTE CARAZO'S CONCERNS ABOUT PEREZ'S STRIDENCE, SHOULD ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST THAT BEST

COURSE NOW MIGHT BE TO ALLOW COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL INDEED IF PEREZ COULD "LOWER HIS PITCH." FYI: WE MAY, IF THE COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE

PROSPERS WANT EVEN TO SUGGEST THAT ACTION IN THE OAS SLOW UP OR BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW THE MEDIATION INITIATIVE TO WORK.

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